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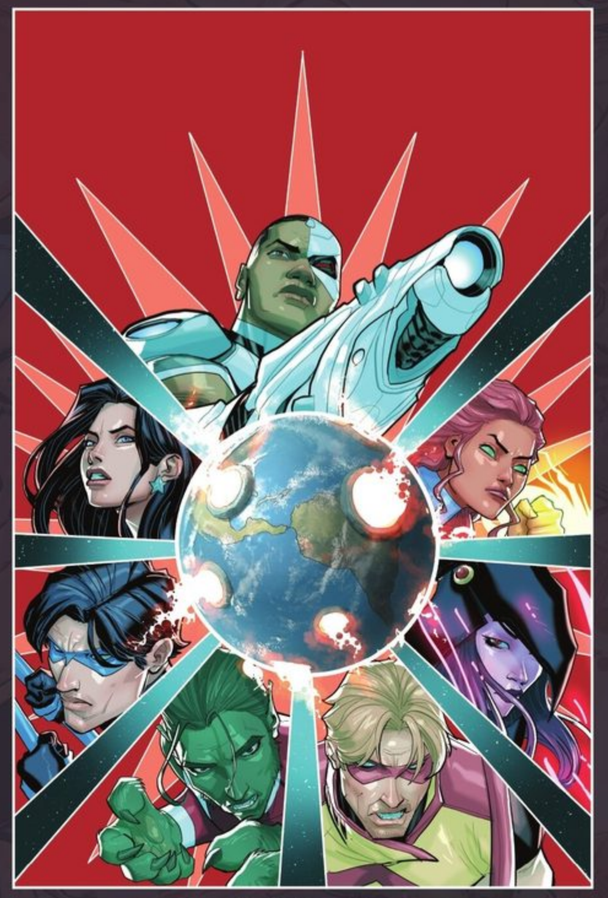

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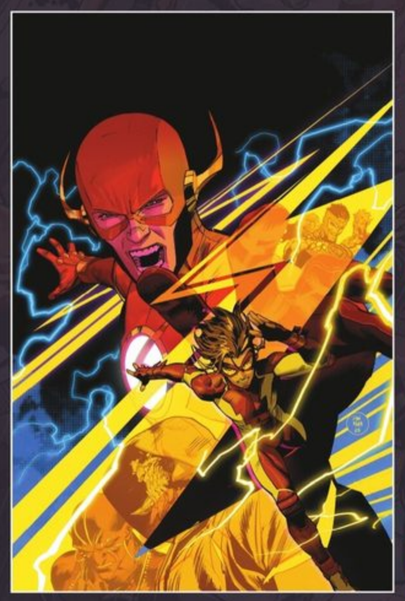

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THE ACTION INTENSIFIES IN NOVEMBER AND BEYOND!

"THE JOURNEY BEGINS WITH UNDERSTANDING THE ***TRUE NATURE*** OF ***ENLIGHTENMENT.***

"USELESS PHILOSOPHY. ***WORTHLESS*** IN THE REAL WORLD.

"FOOL'S GOLD.

"FROM THERE, WE PROGRESS TO ***ACTION...*** BUT STILL CHAINED BY NOTIONS OF ***RIGHT AND WRONG.***

"STILL TOO ***INEXPERIENCED*** TO KNOW THERE'S ***NO SUCH THING.***

"STILL TOO ***GREEN.***

"EVEN WHEN WE UNDERSTAND THAT ***WE*** MAKE THE RIGHT... ***WE*** DECIDE THE WRONG...

"...WE HOLD OURSELVES ***BACK.*** WE SEE THIS TRUTH AS ***DANGEROUS.***

"A ***RED FLAG.***

"AND YET-- IF WE ***ALLOW*** IT TO-- ***FULL UNDERSTANDING*** CAN RISE WITHIN US.

"THE ***BLACK STAR.***

"SHINING WITH THE LIGHT OF ***RATIONALITY...***"

"...AND THE FIRE OF PURE WILL."

I AM MOGO!

I SPEAK THE *DOCTRINE OF MU!* I HAVE THE AUTHORITY GIVEN BY THE *CONTROLLER OF MU!*

AND I UPHOLD THE LAW OF QARD!

YOU ARE J586! YOU HAVE TRESPASSED *AGAINST* THE LAW OF QARD!

BLACKSTAR INTELLIGENCERS HAVE DETECTED THREE *SUBVERSIVES* INSIDE YOUR SPHERE OF INFLUENCE! *CULTISTS OF OA!*

DESPITE *DIRECT ENTREATIES,* YOU HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO *SURRENDER* THEM!

O BE WITH US-- O PRESERVE US--

IS THIS THING ON?

HONORED *MOGO--I--* I AM BROADCASTING TO YOU ACROSS *ALL FREQUENCIES.* I AM *URLKITH,* FIRST AMONG EQUALS.

WE DID NOT *DISOBEY* THE EDICTS OF THE BLACK-STARS FROM, *UH*...FROM *RECALCITRANCE*... WE ...

...WE ARE A WORLD OF *SEVEN BILLION SOULS,* MIGHTY MOGO! THEY ARE-- THEY ARE *THREE BEINGS!* WE *LOOKED* FOR THEM, BUT...WE DID NOT *THINK*...

...WE DID NOT THINK YOU WOULD COME IN *PERSON*...

WHERE THE LAW OF QARD IS *BROKEN,* THE SIN MUST BE *CORRECTED.*

AND WHEN THE LAW OF QARD IS *IGNORED*... THE SIN OF *ONE* BECOMES THE SIN OF *ALL.*

SUCH IS THE LAW OF QARD!

ANY SIGN OF THE ***GATEWAY,*** INTELLIGENCER?

NOT AS YET, SIR. BUT NOW THAT THE INSURGENTS KNOW WE'RE ***HERE,*** WE CAN EXPECT ***RESISTANCE--***

THERE.

SUBVERSIVES ***DETECTED.*** ALL THREE OF THEM.

THEN YOU HAVE APPROVAL TO SIGNAL THE ***CAGECRAFT,*** INTELLIGENCER...

...AND THEY'RE CLEAR TO RELEASE THE ***WEAPONER.***

SO ***BIG...***

MY SAP SLOWS TO LOOK UPON MOGO ***ALSO,*** QURINA VINT. BUT BE ***WITHOUT FEAR.***

DEATH IS ONLY AN ***END STATE...***

MAINTAIN CORRECT ACTION, ABINS OF THE GREEN LEVEL. EXISTENCE HAS NOT ENDED ***YET.*** BE ***READY.***

THEY'RE OPENING A ***CAGECRAFT.***

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THEY'RE DEPLOYING A ***BLACK HAND.***

101

I'VE GOT HIM!

QURINA, NO--

BE WITHOUT FEAR!

BE WITHOUT FEAR!

BE WITHOUT--

POOZER.

...

UNFORTUNATE.

HE'S AN ***ABIN QARD,*** MEDPHYLL. A ***WEAPONER.*** KILLING IS WHAT THEY ***DO--*** BUT HE IS ***CHAOTIC*** ACTION.

WE ARE ***CORRECT*** ACTION. ***WE CAN BEAT HIM.***

HAVE UNDERSTANDING.

"AS THE STREAM AROUND THE ROCK, WE FLOW."

I HAVE UNDERSTANDING.

FLANKING MOVE! LOOK AT THAT, YOU BLOODLESS GREENIES ARE LEARNING TACTICS!

ONLY YOU CAN'T COME AT ME THREE WAYS.

THERE'S ONLY TWO OF YOU NOW.

AND I GOT TWO HANDS...

...AND THREE FINGERS.

MEDPHYLL!

CHANGE STATE! NOW!

BE WITHOUT FEAR, ARISIA. THE ACTION IS ALREADY COMPLETE. I AM UNSOLID.

AND EVEN A WEAPONER CANNOT KILL WHAT HE CANNOT...

...TOUCH.

I... I CANNOT FEEL MY LIMB...

HOW... HOW COULD HE...?

CHAOTIC ACTION, POOZERS.

THAT'S THE LIGHT OF THE BLACK STAR.

IT ***CAN'T BE FOUGHT.*** IT CAN'T BE ***TAMED.*** IT CAN'T BE ***CONTAINED.***

IT'S THE POWER THE UNIVERSE ***RUNS*** ON...THE ***DARK CIRCLE*** AROUND ***ALL THAT IS...*** AND IT OBEYS ***OUR WILL.***

YOU SHOULD HAVE ***RUN,*** LITTLE ABIN. ***ATTACKING*** ME... THAT WAS ***BAD JUDGMENT.***

MAYBE. AT ***FIRST.***

BUT ***JUDGMENT IS IN PROGRESS!***

...

THIS IS ***ARISIA RRAB.*** I SPEAK TO ***OA.***

EXISTENCE WAS ENDED FOR THE WEAPONER ***KILOWOG*** OF ***BOLOVAX VIK.***

I WILL NOW ***REMOVE*** OUR GREEN LANTERN FROM J586, IN THE HOPE THAT--

HOPE?

THERE'S NO HOPE.

HOPE IS ***DEAD.***

THERE.

IS ONLY.

WILL.

IF--
IF **ANY** BLACKSTAR IS RECEIVING THIS, **PLEASE** ACKNOWLEDGE--
PLEASE JUST--

FIRST-AMONG-US?

I'VE...I'VE RECEIVED A **MENTAL IMPRESSION** FROM THE OUTER ROOT SYSTEMS.

AN **OBJECT** JUST FELL FROM THE SKY ONTO ONE OF THE **EASTERN GROVES.** A **RURAL** COMMUNITY.

THE OBJECT IS **COMPOSED** OF...OF A **SQUAT CYLINDER** AND TWO **CONNECTING BLOCKS.** CAST IN A **GREEN METAMATERIAL.**

IT'S A **GATEWAY,** FIRST-AMONG-US.

THEY WERE **RECRUITING...?**

O HAVE MERCY.

J586.

WHEN THE LAW OF QARD IS BROKEN, THE SIN *MUST BE* CORRECTED.

NO!
NO, NO, NO! MOGO--**MIGHTY** MOGO, **MERCIFUL** MOGO, I **BESEECH YOU! DON'T DO IT!**

THERE ARE-- THERE ARE **SEVEN BILLION SENTIENT LIVES** HERE--

NO THERE AREN'T.

SEVEN HELLS...

MM. HE'S QUITE *COLD* WHEN HE WANTS TO BE.

SCAN FOR THE *GATEWAY,* INTELLIGENCER. OCCASIONALLY THEY SURVIVE.

ITS *CAMOUFLAGE* FAILED WHEN THE LAST ADEPT *DIED,* COMMANDER.

I'M DETECTING *ONE, TWO, THREE...*

FIVE INSTANCES OF THE META-MATERIAL.

FIVE SEPARATE PIECES. AT *LEAST.*

...

CAN THE WEAPONER *CONFIRM?*

FOUND A DECENT-SIZED CHUNK RIGHT HERE IN THE *OUTER RUBBLE,* COMMAND. THIS LANTERN'S *DEAD.*

SO ANY *BABY INSURGENTS* THOSE RELIGIOUS FREAKS WERE TRAINING UP? THEY'RE DEAD *TOO.*

MOGO STRIKES AGAIN...

THANK YOU, WEAPONER. AND FINE WORK DISPATCHING THE **CULTISTS.**

RETURN WITH THE SAMPLE TO YOUR **CAGECRAFT,** PLEASE.

WHAT'S THE ***HURRY,*** COMMAND? I LIKE THE ***AMBIENCE*** OUT HERE...

WEAPONER, PLEASE.

MUST WE GO THROUGH THIS PERFORMANCE EVERY TIME YOU KRZZZTT--

COMMAND...?

SORRY I'M LATE.

SPHERE.

YOU... THOSE WERE BLACKSTARS. YOU KILLED A BLACK-STAR.

YOU CAN'T JUST--

--HNNH!

YOU KNOW THE RED LEVEL OF LIGHT, OF COURSE.

THE RED *POWER*. IT'S *DEFENSIVE* IN NATURE.

TO THE *INITIATE*--THE *AIN RAO*--IT IMPARTS A DEGREE OF *STRENGTH* AND CONTROL OVER *BODILY PROCESS*, UP TO AND *INCLUDING* CHANGES IN *FORM*.

I'LL...

I'LL *KILL YOU!*

KILL YOU--

THE *ADEPT* OF THE RED LIGHT, THE *ABIN* RAO-- *SHIELD*--

HNN!

--CAN CREATE *CONSTRUCTS* OF SURPRISING *DURABILITY*.

TO GAIN THIS POWER THROUGH *OA* REQUIRES DISPLAYS OF *RESTRAINT*. SO IT IS *NEVER* TAUGHT AS A MEANS OF *ATTACK*.

I AM *TOMAR RE*. *RE-WHO-IS-ANOMALY*.

I DID *NOT* RECEIVE THE RED POWER THROUGH THE TEACHINGS OF OA, KILOWOG OF BOLOVAX VIK.

I *STOLE* IT.

SO *I* DON'T RESTRAIN MYSELF AT *ALL*.

LARGE BOX.

WAIT--

SMALL BOX.

BACK TO *MOGO* NOW, SMALL BOX.

AND GIVE THE *FACE OF STEEL* MY *WARMEST GREETINGS.*

WHAT HAPPENED?

I SAW A FLASH--A RED FLASH, A SPECK IN MY GREAT VISION--

--WHAT HAPPENED?

"WHAT WAS I TALKING ABOUT?

"AH, YES. *WILL.*

"WILL IS THE BLACK STAR THAT POWERS THE *UNIVERSE.*"

"NOT WHAT THE **OANS** TEACH. NOT UNDERSTANDING. NOT ENLIGHTENMENT. **WILL.**

"ONLY WILL.

"ONLY **MU.**

AND THROUGH THE **POWER** OF MU, WE GAIN THE **WILL** TO DO WHAT MUST BE--

NOW WHAT'S **THIS** ENTERING WITHOUT KNOCKING? A SMALL **CUBE...**

WHAT ARE YOU **FOR,** SMALL CUBE...?

AH.

POOR **KILOWOG--** COMPRESSED BEYOND THE BLACK HAND'S ABILITY TO HEAL. I **WARNED** HIM OF **OVERCONFIDENCE.**

AND THE GREETINGS OF **TOMAR RE...**

ONE ANOMALY DRAWING FIRE FOR **ANOTHER,** I SUPPOSE--TRYING TO GET ME LOOKING IN YOUR DIRECTION. IT WON'T **WORK,** TOMAR RE.

I'VE ALREADY NOTICED THE **OTHER** TOMAR.

THE **GREEN** ONE.

AND AN ANOMALY AT THE ***GREEN LEVEL*** IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN YOU COULD ***EVER*** BE--IF ALLOWED TO ***GROW...***

CONTROLLER OF MU?

HMM?

DO YOU STILL WISH THIS ***RECORDED,*** CONTROLLER OF MU?

...

HAVE YOU BEEN RECORDING IT, SCRIVENER?

OH ***DEAR.*** A SCRIVENER WHO CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ***SCRIPTURE*** AND ***CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.***

N-NO--NO, I ***SWEAR,*** GREAT CONTROLLER-- I--

THAT, I'D CALL A ***LIABILITY.*** BUT DON'T WORRY.

I'LL RECORD THE CLOSING PARAGRAPH ***MYSELF.***

LET US, THEN, TALK OF ***MU.***

THE ***MAKER-UNMAKER.***

SOME WOULD SAY A *SYNONYM* FOR THE *OMEGA-ALPHA*... BUT IN THE *RIGHT ORDER.*

ALPHA DOES *NOT* COME AFTER OMEGA IN NATURE. LIGHT DOES *NOT* COME AT THE END OF ALL STRUGGLES.

ONLY THE *LONG DARK.*

THAT IS SIMPLY HOW THE WORLD *IS,* AFTER ALL.

RED IN *TOOTH* AND IN *CLAW.*

BLOODY AND TERRIBLE.

WHAT *IS* UNDERSTANDING, IN THE FACE OF THAT? WHAT IS *CORRECT ACTION?*

WHY, WHAT WE *WILL* IS CORRECT.

THAT IS WHY THOSE WHO REACH THE *GOLD* LEVEL...NO MATTER *HOW* GIFTED... CAN ONLY RISE TO *INITIATE.*

ONE *CANNOT* BELIEVE THAT THE OAN WAY IS *RIGHT* AND RISE ANY HIGHER THAN *AIN.*

SO THERE IS ONLY *ONE* ABIN OF THE *GOLD POWER...*

...AND I FIND MYSELF WALKING THE *LEFT-HAND PATH.*

NEXT:
THE JOURNEY OF SOJOURNER!

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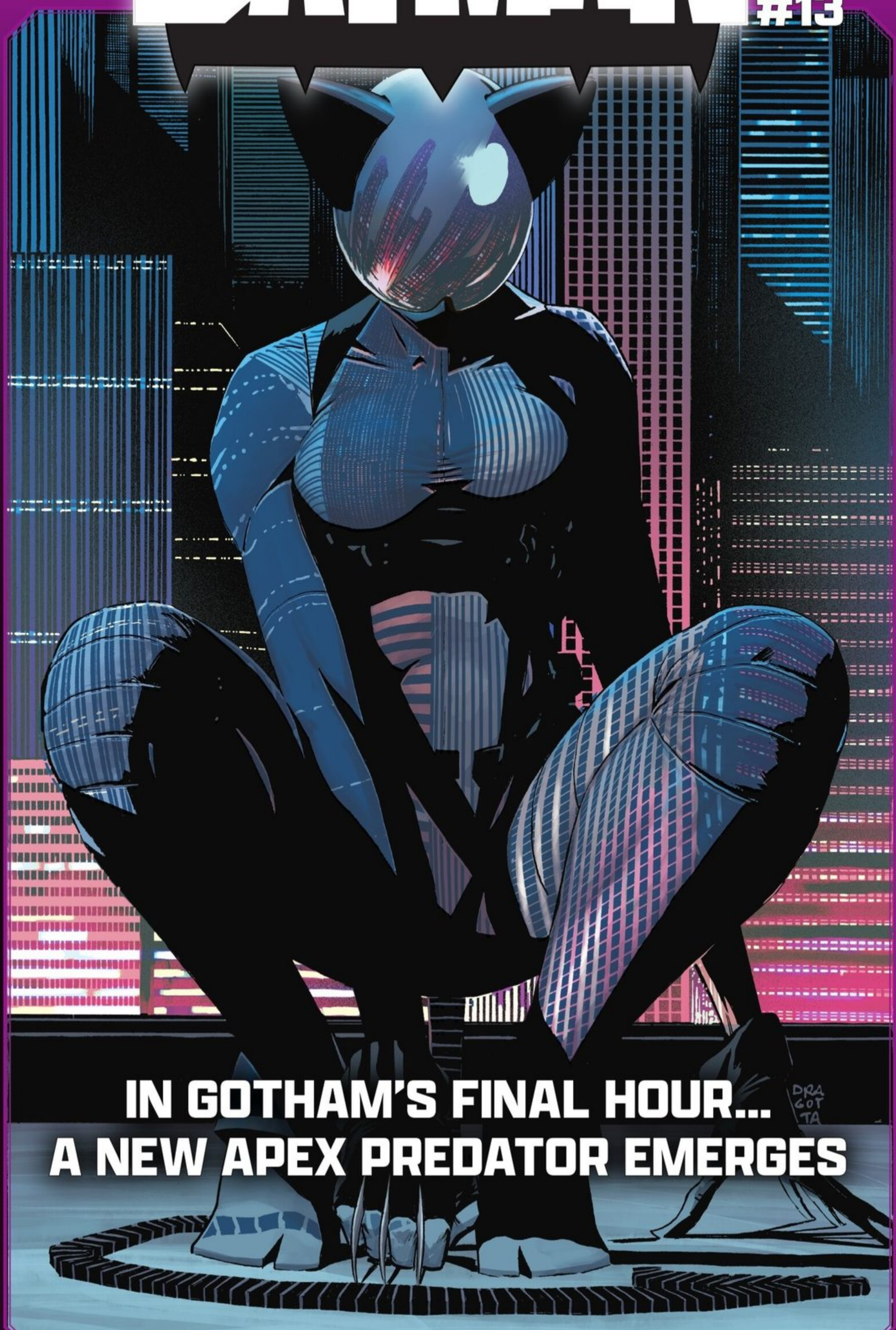

IN GOTHAM'S FINAL HOUR...
A NEW APEX PREDATOR EMERGES

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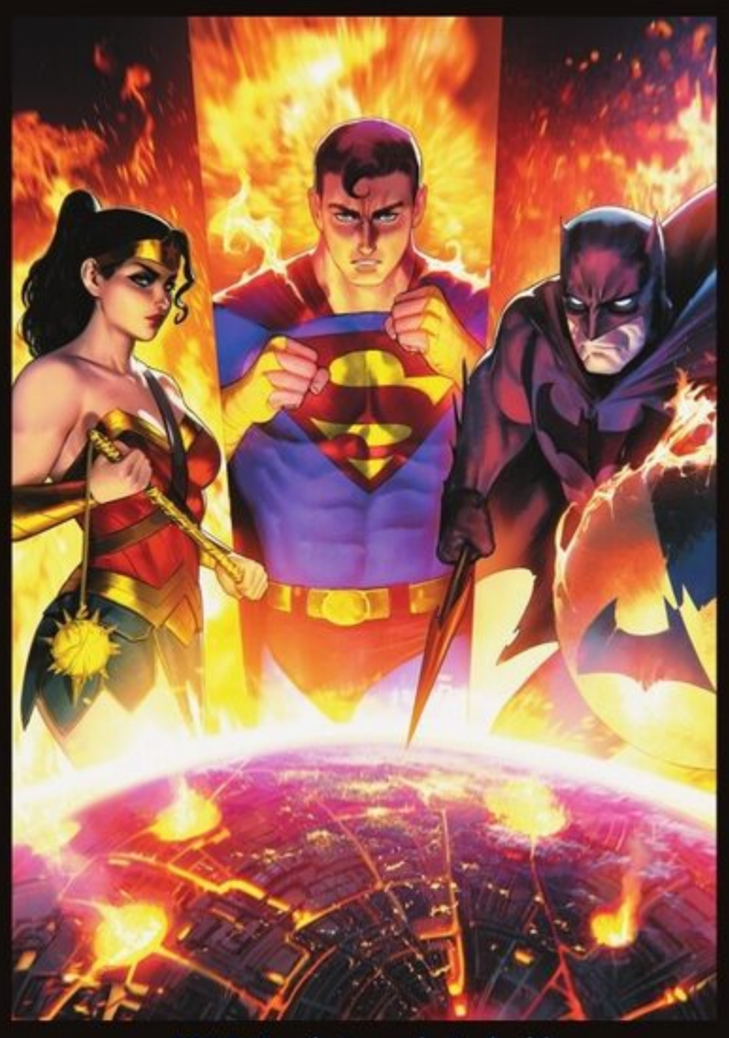
DC NATION SPOTLIGHT ON

A CONVERSATION WITH SCOTT SNYDER AND JOSHUA WILLIAMSON

In 2024, *Absolute Batman* writer Scott Snyder and Superman writer Joshua Williamson gave shape to DC's future in the fateful *DC All In Special* one-shot—the start of the All In era and the birth of the Absolute Universe. One year later, Snyder teams with artist Javi Fernández for *DC K.O.*, a massive, fight-filled, five-issue DC Universe event starting in October and running through March; with Williamson presiding over the tie-in series. In the second half of a conversation between Snyder and Williamson, the friends and frequent collaborators discuss what's at stake in the event and the *who would win?* fun of the story.

Scott Snyder: The whole event at its core is giant fights between your favorite heroes—but not grim-dark. It's really fun! The whole goal of it is to bring you back to that kid joy of who would win in a fight.

Joshua Williamson: We all have these conversations—we go to the comic book store and talk about who would win, and that's what we want to do a story about. We have some surprises; it's not only going to be the characters you're expecting. We're definitely going to have characters that you're not expecting to get into this competition.



DC K.O. #1 variant cover by Noobovich

Snyder: When you die in the tournament, you're out. You turn into a statue, you're put on a shelf, and you lose. You can't become the King Omega. Whoever is the champion, the whole universe bends towards them so they become this giant celestial being.

If you show mercy, if you act in a way that is compassionate, then the Omega energy goes down. The only way is to be merciless. To go all the way.

Williamson: The heroes have to really fight and really push themselves in ways they never have.

DC K.O. #1 variant cover by Jim Lee and Alex Sinclair

Snyder: Some characters won't know if they can do it, whereas other characters have been waiting for it.

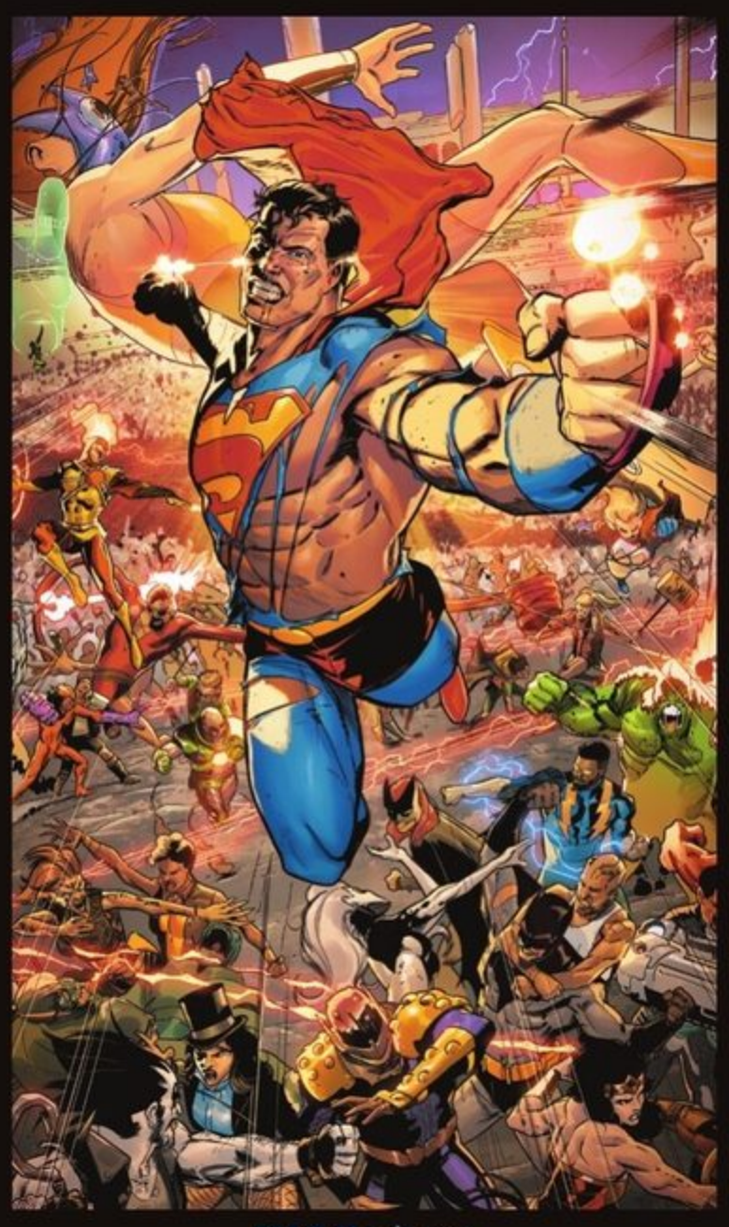
Williamson: Some characters already have plans on how to take out other characters.

There's an emotional core. When we did *Dark Nights: Metal*, it was very much about a Batman story, when we did *Dark Nights: Death Metal* it was a Wonder Woman story, and now we're doing *DC K.O.* and we knew this was going to be a Superman story.

DC K.O. #1 variant cover by Frank Cho and Sabine Rich

Snyder: I haven't gotten to write Clark in quite a few years. At first, I was pretty reluctant, because there are so many great Superman stories happening right now. The truth is, he was the only character who could really be the hero of this story. The only way to win is to become the thing you hate.

Whoever wins, whoever becomes the King Omega, gets to restore everything on the other side. If they can beat him, they can put everything back the way it was. The question of the event is, is it worth it? Is it worth becoming the thing you hate?



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